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Director of Central Intelligence

13 February 1948

Executive for A&M

Executive Order 9835 dated 25 March 1947

1. Subject Executive Order is the directive issued by the President covering the Federal Employees' Loyalty Program in the Executive branch of the government.

2. a. Paragraphs 1a and b, Part I, Executive Order 9835, reads as follows:

"1. There shall be a loyalty investigation of every person entering the civilian employment of any department or agency of the executive branch of the Federal Government.

"a. Investigations of persons entering the competitive service shall be conducted by the Civil Service Commission, except in such cases as are covered by a special agreement between the Commission and any given department or agency.

"b. Investigations of persons other than those entering the competitive service shall be conducted by the employing department or agency. Departments and agencies without investigative organizations shall utilize the investigative facilities of the Civil Service Commission."

b. Paragraphs 2a, Part III, of subject Executive Order reads as follows:

"2. There shall also be established and maintained in the Civil Service Commission a central master index covering all persons on whom loyalty investigations have been made by any department or agency since September 1, 1939. Such master index shall contain the name of each person investigated, adequate identifying information concerning each such person, and a reference to each department and agency which has conducted a loyalty investigation concerning the person involved.

"a. All executive departments and agencies are directed to furnish to the Civil Service Commission all information appropriate for the establishment and maintenance of the central master index."

3. The above quotations are the basis for the stand taken in the letter from Mr. Mitchell, President of the Civil Service Commission, dated 6 February, to the effect that we must furnish them complete records for a master index of all individuals in the agency who have been investigated, and that we must permit them to have a part in the security investigation of such individuals

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4. I have drafted a suggested reply to this letter which is, I believe, the only sound stand we can take at this point in response to the Commission's contention. Recommend either —

- a. Signature by the Director and dispatch, or
- b. That the Director personally see Mr. Mitchell and discuss this problem with him along the lines indicated in the proposed letter to Mr. Mitchell, or
- c. Both.



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Proposed ltr to Pres, CSC
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